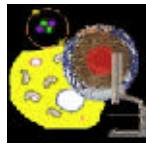


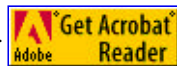
The **vacuole** is a round, fluid-filled sac found in both plant and animal cells. Plants usually have a few large vacuoles, while animal cells have smaller vacuoles, if any. It stores food, water, and other materials for use by the cell. Wastes may also be stored in vacuoles.



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